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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STOLL ET AL.

Examiner

Steven P Sax

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-16, 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,7,9,10,12,13,15,16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/18/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The amendment filed 6/18/04 has been entered. Accordingly, claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17 have been cancelled.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-16, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McDonald et al (6053951) and Ahanessians et al (6401230).

4. Regarding claim 1, McDonald et al show interfacing with a plurality of wizards in a computer system (Abstract, col. 4 lines 34-45), including: providing a link associated with a wizard (col. 11 lines 30-45), providing the wizard when the link is selected comprising a visual object associated with the link (col. 11 lines 35-65, col. 12 lines 10-41). McDonald et al do not go into the launchpad details, but do show convenient accessing of the wizard (col. 11 lines 20-40, Figure 7). Furthermore, Ahanessians et al show the launchpad comprising a visual object providing information pertaining to a wizard task (Figure 1, col. 6 lines 40-67, col. 7 lines 40-60) for convenient accessing of the wizard. It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have

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this in McDonald et al, because it would provide a convenient way to access the wizards. The visual object when the link is selected gives more information than the visual object of the original link object (McDonald et al col. 12 lines 20-45). (This is regardless of the fact that in view of Ahanessians et al that original link visual object is a launchpad).

5. Regarding claim 3, the visual object wizard provided when the link is selected represents hardware or software of an application (McDonald et al Figure 17)

6. Regarding claim 4, in addition to that mentioned for claim 1, note that plural launchpads are possible (Ahanessians et al col. 7 lines 40-62).

7. Regarding claim 6, in addition to that mentioned for claim 4, either visual object is a graphical element associated with hardware or software affected by the wizard (Ahanessians column 7 lines 40-62).

8. Regarding claim 7, in addition to that mentioned for claim 4, a menu of the plurality of launchpads is provided (Ahanessians et al col. 7 lines 40-62, Figure 1).

10. Claims 9 shows the same features as claim 6 and is rejected for the same reasons.

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11. Claims 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 show the same features as claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 respectively and are rejected for the same reasons.

12. Applicant's arguments filed 6/18/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The summary of the invention is noted. The visual objects recited in the art are not merely associated with a link, but rather relate information as to tasks affected by the wizard. This enables the user to utilize the wizard more efficiently. The claims as recited are broad and do not go into further details. Applicant is invited to contact Examiner to discuss claim interpretation.

13. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

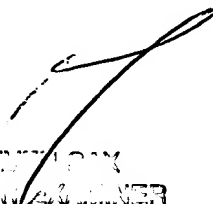
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14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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